

practice ending with eternity. We ought to pray and talk missions until we get so filled with God's thought that our churches and conventions will be set on fire. We need missionary conventions in all the leading churches in the brotherhood. They should be conducted only by such as the Lord has given heavenly fire for missions. Entire consecration, missionary themes should be prominent, and a great deal of the time spent before the Lord upon our faces. The greatest hindrance to the missionary cause is the inactivity, the indifference, the lack of love upon the part of the Christian church. Missionary history proves beyond all doubt that the difficulty is not lack of money nor lack of men, but the lack of the Holy Spirit.

I want to prove my position by referring to two missionary conventions. Two years ago there was a missionary meeting in New York. Cleveland, the president of the United States was there. Many millionaires were invited. They made a great display and I think the offering was about five thousand dollars. A few weeks later another convention was held in the same city, composed almost exclusively of the Lord's poor. There was one continual rising spiritual tide for two weeks, and on Saturday night before the offering for missions was taken, we spent the whole night before the Lord in prayer. And what seems most incredible, there was a voluntary offering taken up to the amount of \$122,000. The millionaires gave \$5,000, the Lord's poor gave \$122,000. The poor gave over twenty-four times as much as the rich; and considering their ability, probably one thousand times as much. This shows the difference between God's method and the modern method. You will say if all the others will do their part then will I. You are not a good soldier of Christ, unless you do your part the same as if all did theirs.

I want to refer to my own church for the glory of God. I am ashamed that I have not done more along the line of missions, and I am ashamed that my church has not done more. I do not give this experience of ours, because I think it is good, but to show you what a church is doing that is not yet half awake; but to illustrate what can be done when once we get awakened upon the subject of missions. Between three and four years ago, God gave me a new life; about the same time a like miracle was performed upon brother Jacob Cassel. We laid ourselves upon the altar of God, and received the "mystery" of the gospel into our hearts,—the indwelling Christ. Col. 1: 26, 27. Immediately thereafter, the Lord laid upon our hearts the missionary cause and it has been burning ever since. As a result, we have the Atwood church, the Amwell church, the 26th street mission, the Maryland mission, the Allentown mission, and the New Jersey mission. We have erected three church buildings during the last year costing \$6000. We have collected for home and foreign missions, individually and collectively over \$500. We have organized a world-wide missionary society. And last but best

of all we have two thoroughly consecrated sisters called of God, to go to the foreign field. And just recently I baptized a bright, noble young man who has given up school teaching and all he has and now offers himself as a candidate for the foreign field. This makes one candidate from our home church, one from our Maryland mission, and one from New Jersey mission.

We have a foreign missionary box in our church, one in our cottage prayer meeting, and we keep constantly foreign missionary barrels in our Sunday school, emptied quarterly. We have eight on our mantle into which we put self denial money. We have missionary cards for our world-wide missionary society. The money thus raised is for foreign, general and local missions. This year one of our members gave over four hundred dollars to build a church in one of our missions, and another brother gave two hundred to another. One of these brethren supports a native missionary in China, and another a native Bible reader. All this by our little church, and I am sure that we have a hundred congregations in our brotherhood that are worth \$10 to our \$1. Two years ago God put it into our hearts to press the mission claims upon the conference, but we were ruled out. The Holy Spirit opened the heart of Brother Talley, and he gave us a place on the King's Children's program. Brother Cassel offered to pay the expenses of Dean Peck to come to conference and give us a missionary address. As a result for this effort the Chicago mission was started and the Washington mission sustained. The missionary contagion from Brother Talley spread thro his congregation and he called me to help hold some missionary conventions. We held one at Milledgeville, one in Lanark, and one in Waterloo. As a result we raised directly and indirectly \$1000 for missions. I believe these three churches with our little church in Philadelphia raised as much or more missionary money than all the other churches combined. If all of our ministers would let the Lord fully possess them and take apostolic fire into all their churches and keep it burning, it would mean \$100,000 in the next twelve months for missions.

In order to impress upon you individual responsibility I will close with the following illustration:

In 1879, Henry Richards of England, went as a missionary to Banza Manteke in Africa and formed the Livingstone Inland mission, 150 miles from the mouth of the Congo. The natives were noted for two things: lying and stealing. He studied their language and for four years taught them about God and creation, but it seemed to have no effect upon them. He went home to Europe to rest and was advised by his friends to teach the law. After his return for two years he taught the law with no visible results. He became much discouraged. He decided that there was something wrong either in his life or preaching. He began to study the Bible as never before. One day he was impressed

with the thought that the gospel said: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," not the law. And also that the apostles were told to wait until they were endued with "power from on high." He realized that he had not this power. He determined to seek power and to preach the gospel.

He began with Luke and he saw at once that there was a changed condition in the natives. When he came to Luke 6: 30 he could go no further. "Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again." If I tell them this verse don't mean what it says they will lose all confidence in the Bible; if I tell them it does mean what it says they will take all I have and I may be left to starve." He could not decide what to do. He dismissed his translator and went back, and for two weeks he prayed over it until he came up to it again. At last he decided that he would teach it and tell them that it meant what it said, and though few ever lived up to this high standard, by God's help he would. After the address they asked him for this and that until it looked as if all would be taken and he left to starve. After a while one said if this man is of God we ought to pay him for what we get. Another said if this man is of God we are robbing God. One proposed that they ought to take the things back. One after another took them back until almost everything was carried back. From this time the power of God mightily wrought upon these people. Soon after this his translator was converted. When he came to the crucifixion of Christ, the Holy Spirit seemed to fall upon the people, and it was not long until the people immediately around Manteke abandoned heathenism. More than a thousand were converted. Hundreds were baptized and a spiritual church was organized.

A. J. Gordon's church from Boston, Mass., shipped material for a Manteke church. The materials for this church were shipped in such small pieces that the natives could carry them upon their shoulders from the nearest landing to the place of building. Though it took a week to make this trip the natives carried all this lumber, and some made four and five trips, free of charge.

Such love and sacrifice as that of these heathen converts, and such power and love as that of Richards, burned into the heart of each member of the Brethren church, would soon awake it from center to circumference, and the whole gospel would soon be given to the whole world.

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already with harvest."

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Remember we do not ask for cash now, but pledges only "And now why tarriest thou?" "What thou doest, do quickly."

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